

Requirement and allotment of foodgrains to BPL families

1082. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the families living below poverty line in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the quantity of rice, wheat and sugar which is made available to each family under PDS;
- (c) whether Government have conducted any survey for Himachal Pradesh to find out the requirement of foodgrains for BPL families per month under PDS;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is a great disparity between requirement and allotment of quantity of foodgrains; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government have taken/likely to be taken to reduce the disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) A Statement is annexed. (see below).

(b) The scale of issue of foodgrains for all categories APL/BPL/AAY households at present is 35 kgs. per month. Depending upon the choice and preferences as per consumption pattern of the people in a region, wheat or rice or both are supplied through the Fair Price Shops.

Sugar being supplied under the Public Distribution System (PDS) has been restricted to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in all States/UTs except the Northern Eastern States, Hill States and Island Territories with effect from 01.02.2001. The minimum per head per month quantum of levy sugar allotted under the PDS is 500 gms with effect from 01.02.2001. In North Eastern States, Hill States and Island Territories, the minimum per capita allocation has been fixed at 700 gms. The responsibility of regulating supply of sugar through the Public Distribution System and maintaining smooth operation of PDS in the State lies with the respective State Government.

(c) No such survey has been carried out recently.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The PDS is supplemental in nature and does not cater to full requirement of the households. The present scale of issue of 35 kg per month is approximately 50% of the total requirement of a average household of 5.5 persons. The allocation of foodgrains under TPDS is made on the basis of number of households estimated on the basis of poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 1993-94 based on the population projections of Registrar General Census as on 01.03.2000 or the number of ration cards issued by the State Governments, whichever is less. This procedure is uniformly followed throughout the country.

Statement

(As on 31.10.2006)

Estimated No. of families and Ration cards issued by States/UTs under TPDS

(Figures in lakhs)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Estimated No. of families as on 1.3.2000					Ration cards issued by States/UTs				
		APL	BPL	AAY	Total	APL	BPL	AAY	Total	As on	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	117.58	25.05	15.58	158.21	34.24	126.24	15.58	176.06	31.8.06	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.43	0.61	0.38	2.42	2.68	0.61	0.38	3.67	31.3.04	
3.	Assam	26.57	11.32	7.04	44.93	39.80	12.02	7.00	58.82	31.8.06	
4.	Bihar	53.56	40.22	25.01	118.79	15.53	49.99	15.00	80.52	31.8.06	
5.	Chhattisgarh	25.36	11.56	7.19	44.11	26.36	15.45	7.19	49.00	31.8.06	
6.	Delhi	23.73	2.52	1.57	27.82	22.53	3.79	0.56	26.88	31.8.06	
7.	Goa	2.72	0.30	0.18	3.20	3.16	0.13	0.15	3.44	31.5.06	
8.	Gujarat	66.37	13.07	8.13	87.57	83.32	26.92	8.10	118.34	31.5.06	
9.	Haryana	23.59	4.87	3.02	31.48	42.18	5.29	2.92	50.39	31.8.06	
10.	Himachal Pradesh	7.43	3.17	1.97	12.57	10.77	0.92	1.97	13.66	31.7.05	
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	10.66	4.54	2.82	18.02	10.94	4.80	2.56	18.30	1.4.03	
12.	Jharkhand	19.62	14.76	9.18	43.56	5.15	16.68	7.27	29.10	19.9.02	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
13.	Karnataka	63.08	19.29	12.00	94.37	42.94	58.31	12.00	113.25	31.8.06
14.	Kerala	45.56	9.58	5.96	61.10	47.52	14.91	5.96	68.39	31.8.06
15.	Madhya Pradesh	55.78	25.43	15.82	97.03	82.27	36.40	15.64	134.31	22.4.03
16.	Maharashtra	111.93	40.29	25.05	177.27	148.34	53.15	19.84	221.33	28.2.04
17.	Manipur	2.41	1.02	0.64	4.07	2.41	1.16	0.50	4.07	3.7.05
18.	Meghalaya	2.66	1.13	0.70	4.49	2.66	1.13	0.70	4.49	31.8.06
19.	Mizoram	0.99	0.42	0.26	1.67	1.80	0.42	0.26	2.48	31.8.06
20.	Nagaland	1.78	0.77	0.47	3.02	1.83	0.77	0.47	3.07	28.2.05
21.	Orissa	34.93	20.34	12.64	67.91	36.19	37.58	12.64	86.41	31.8.06
22.	Punjab	35.08	2.89	1.79	39.76	49.37	4.79	1.39	55.55	31.8.06
23.	Rajasthan	64.36	14.99	9.32	88.67	105.80	15.17	9.27	130.24	2.2.06
24.	Sikkim	0.62	0.27	0.16	1.05	0.65	0.26	0.17	1.08	31.8.06
25.	Tamil Nadu	90.19	29.98	18.65	138.82	149.65	18.65	168.30	31.1.03	
26.	Tripura	4.27	1.82	1.13	7.22	4.35	2.27	0.68	7.30	31.8.06
27.	Uttar Pradesh	154.63	65.84	40.95	261.42	294.41	65.49	40.95	400.85	31.8.06
28.	Uttaranchal	7.21	3.07	1.91	12.19	17.66	3.47	1.51	22.64	31.8.06
29.	West Bengal	93.44	31.93	19.86	145.23	111.30	37.62	14.80	163.72	31.12.05
30.	Andaman and Nicobar	0.53	0.17	0.11	0.81	0.75	0.12	0.04	0.91	30.6.05
31.	Chandigarh	1.80	0.14	0.09	2.03	2.22	0.07	0.02	2.31	31.7.06
32.	D&N Haveli	0.18	0.11	0.07	0.36	0.29	0.12	0.04	0.45	31.5.05
33.	Daman and Diu	0.22	0.02	0.02	0.26	0.25	0.04	0.01	0.30	1.3.03
34.	Lakshadweep	0.08	0.02	0.01	0.11	0.13	0.01	0.004	0.14	24.9.05
35.	Pondicherry	1.40	0.52	0.32	2.24	1.81	0.89	0.32	3.02	31.8.06
Total:		1151.75	402.03	250.00	1803.78	1251.61	746.64	222.54	2222.79	

Starvation deaths

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.